

MISCREANT'S DEEDS.

On the Rock Island and Lake Shore Railroads—A Dastardly Act—Two of the Men Arrested, who Prove to be Discharged Switchmen—A Bomb Found.

CHICAGO, August 17.—There was a great deal of quiet work and many mysterious movements among the officials of the Rock Island and Lake Shore Railroads to-

day over three distinct attempts to wreck two passenger trains last night and one freight train. The detectives of the road were at work on the case all night. One of two attempts was to wreck the Chicago & North Western train which left the station

street depot at 10:30 p. m. last night, bound for Omaha and Council Bluffs. The train consisted of an engine with five coaches and two sleepers, all filled with passengers. A three pound wedge was placed in the guide near the cylinder head which blew out the head and bent the frame of the

While this was being done the theatre train which left an hour later passed the Omaha train, when an attempt was made to wreck it by turning the signal light in the rear, and was only discovered by accident in time to prevent the Omaha train from crashing into it from behind. The

third attempt, which was successful, was made on a freight train at Fifty-first street. Mr. Chamberlain showed a reporter a wedge at his office this morning and said: "Train No. 3 left the depot on time and ran out to three hundred feet south of the stock yards' crossing, near Thirty-ninth street, where occurred a sudden shock. The cylinder heads were

The wedge was driven in the guide near the cylinder head and the engineer and fireman saw a man in a railroad cap run across the track. I think I know the miscreant from the description they furnish me, but I must withhold his name.

for a few hours, as he has not been arrested. Two others are now at the Harrison street police station. They are discharged switchmen and were arrested at 2:40 A. M. to-day in the act of misplacing Lake Shore switches at Thirty-third street.

pipe ten inches long, both ends being plugged with wood. The police were so excited at the discovery that they at once boarded a train and took the bomb to Captain Hunt at Hyde Park.

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**AFGHAN QUESTION.**

Russia's Claim Liable to Cause a Conflict At Any Moment.

LONDON, August 17.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* says it is glad the Afghan Commission

has been reached, so it will insure a settlement of the question of the ownership of Khomiah, which Russia claims, by direct negotiations between London and St. Petersburg.

The St. James Gazette says the question is as far from settlement as it was fifteen months ago. Russia claims Khomiah and Afghans refuse to give it up. A conflict is likely to occur at any moment. The Gazette says, and it rests with England to

The *Globe* says that nothing would suit Russia better than to keep the Khomiah question open and to revive it when it suits her.

The Cabinet sat to-day from noon until 2 o'clock. The Queen's speech was considered and approved. The Afghan difficulty was also discussed. It is understood that Colonel Dicks will be sent to

The Irish situation.

LONDON, August 17.—Mr. Parnell has requested all Irish members of Parliament to be present on Thursday at the reassembling of Parliament. He says that in view of the grave and pressing condition of public affairs it is very necessary that there should be a full attendance of the Irish contingent.

This Dublin *Evening Journal* says:

Mr. Parnell's summons shows that the Parnellites do not intend to await the convenience of the Ministry in dealing with the Belfast riots and the alarming condition of Irish farmers. Lord Salisbury must explain how he intends to meet the contingency of the inability of farmers to pay their rents, and he will be called upon to declare the policy he intends to

**Gladstone's Position.**  
LONDON, August 17.—Mr. Gladstone will neither initiate nor prolong the discussion with reference to Ireland in the debate on the address in reply to the

Queen's speech. His followers acquiesce in this decision. Although the speech from the throne will not indicate Lord Salisbury's Irish policy, it is understood that either Lord Randolph Churchill or Sir Michael Hicks-Beach during the debate will intimate that a measure will be introduced next year dealing with the Irish Local government and land ques-

Worse than a Iltrate.

Pittsburgh, Pa., August 17.—While intoxicated to-day James McElvenny, living on Liberty street, assaulted his wife who was sick in bed with typhoid fever, and beat her so badly that the physician says she cannot recover. McElvenny has been arrested and will be held to await the result of his wife's injuries.

The District Over the River.

Six:—Under the heading "Colonel Taylor in Town," you publish an interview with Colonel Taylor, in your daily of the 12th inst., which concludes as follows: "The withholding of the letter is not an act of friendship to Colonel Taylor or the Republican party, for the letter itself would give the lie to the charges based upon it and amply circulate by unprincipled men."

Obviously this concluding paragraph is the editor's view of the case and not the language of Colonel Taylor.

to make public the contents of any private letters in my possession. Neither has there been up to the present time a true, undeniable statement made of the contents of any letter, so far as I have been able to glean from their alleged publication in the papers.

The article of W. A. T. in the Cincinnati *Daily Enquirer* of the 7th inst., was a gross exaggeration and in several material points untrue.

The letters were not written by Col. Taylor, nor had he anything to do with them, he being absent at the time they were written. They are the letters of a private citizen, and not of an individual, and hence there is no occasion for my judgment or in the judgment of Col. Taylor or his friends for their publication.

W. C. GRAVES,  
Barnesville, O. August 17, 1860.